

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A marked up copy of each amended claim pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) appears on the page immediately following the amended claim.

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4. (Amended) The computer system of claim 3 wherein placing the computer system in a condition to deny further includes placing the computer system in a lower power state in response to the identification signal detection circuit not having received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from an assigned possessor having authorized access.
5. (Amended) The computer system of claim 3 wherein placing the computer system in a condition to deny further includes logging a user off of the computer system in response to the identification signal detection circuit not having received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from an assigned possessor having authorized access.
6. (Amended) The computer system of claim 3 wherein placing the computer system in a condition to deny further includes placing the computer system in a locked state in response to the identification signal detection circuit not having received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from an assigned possessor having authorized access.

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7. (Amended) The computer system of claim 3 further comprising:  
a memory circuit storing operating system code whose execution by the at least one processor implements an operating system for controlling the operation of the computer system; and  
wherein the operating system code includes code whose execution places the computer system in a condition to deny access to computer information accessible by the computer system in response to the identification signal detection circuit not having received for a predetermined period of time, a wireless identification signal containing identification information from an assigned possessor having authorized access.

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16. (Amended) The computer system of claim 1 wherein:  
the identification signal detection circuit has an output to provide an indication signal indicating that the identification signal detection circuit has received a wireless identification signal containing identification information of an assigned possessor of a security object determined to have authorized access; and  
wherein the identification signal is provided in response to receiving a wireless identification signal containing identification information of an assigned possessor of a security object determined to have authorized access after a predetermined period of time of not receiving an identification signal containing identification information of an assigned possessor of a security object determined to have authorized access.

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19. (Amended) The computer system of claim 1 further comprising:  
a memory having means for implementing a state machine including at least one state of a first state type and at least one state of a second state type;  
wherein in a state of the first state type, the identification signal detection circuit is receiving identification signal containing identification information of an assigned

possessor having authorized access within a predetermined period of time from a previously received identification signal containing identification information of the assigned possessor having authorized access; and

wherein in state of the second state type, the identification signal detection circuit is not receiving an identification signal containing identification information of an assigned possessor having authorized access within a predetermined period of time from a previously received identification signal containing identification information of the assigned possessor having authorized access.

21. (Amended) A method for controlling access to computer information comprising: sending a wireless identification signal by an identification object, the wireless identification signal including identification information regarding an assigned possessor of the object; receiving, independent of a conscious access action by a user, the wireless identification signal by a detection circuit; determining whether the assigned possessor as indicated by the wireless identification signal has authorized access to computer information accessible by a computer system; and granting access to computer information accessible by the computer system if determined that the assigned possessor as indicated by the wireless identification signal is authorized access.

28. (Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein the granting access further includes: displaying on a user interface a message requesting a user to provide a password; determining whether the password provided by the user is assigned to the assigned possessor determined to have authorized access; and granting access to computer information assessable by the computer system if

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determined that the password is assigned to the assigned possessor.

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35. (Amended) An identification object for an assigned possessor comprising:  
a circuit including:  
a controller;  
an antenna; and  
a memory operably coupled to the connector, the memory having means for  
generating an information signal periodically broadcast via the antenna,  
the information signal containing identification information regarding the  
assigned possessor.
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